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SUBJECT: CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE ISSUES PUBLIC APPEAL FOR
HEIGHTENED ECONOMIC EFFORT IN 1975

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1. JANUARY 4 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES FULL-PAGE APPEAL
(OBRASHCHENIYE) BY CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO ALL
LAYERS OF SOCIETY EXHORTING POPULACE TO MAKE CONCERTED
EFFORT FOR BRINGING FIVE-YEAR PLAN (FYP) TO SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION. ANNOUNCEMENT IS STRIKINGLY SIMILAR TO
LAST YEAR'S APPEAL (SEE REFTTEL) IN CONTENT AND HAS
SAME TITLE: "APPEAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
CPSU TO THE PARTY, TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE."

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2. ARTICLE APPEARS STRIKINGLY MILD, FULL OF PRAISE FOR ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED BY SOVIET WORKERS IN 1974 AND CONTAINING RELATIVELY SOFT CRITICISM REGARDING ECONOMY'S BOTTLENECKS AND PROBLEM AREAS. THIS IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING IN VIEW OF FACT THAT 1974 ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE WAS NOT OUTSTANDING AND, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH REDUCED 1975 TARGETS, WILL CERTAINLY NOT PROVIDE NEEDED IMPETUS TO ATTAIN FYP GOALS, WHICH IN MOST CASES NOW HOPELESSLY OUT OF REACH.

3. WHEREAS 1974 APPEAL SEEMED TO STRESS NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING METHODOLOGY, LATEST PRONOUNCEMENT APPEARS TO RATIFY INDICATIONS WHICH CROPPED UP DURING LAST YEAR THAT PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS DECIDED TO ESCHEW MAJOR ECONOMIC SHAKEUP, AT LEAST FOR NEAR TERM. INSTEAD, 1975 APPEAL FOCUSSED ON STANDARD IMPROVEMENTS URGENTLY REQUIRED BY HUM-DRUM SOVIET ECONOMY:

- RAISING LABOR PRODUCTIVITY;
- FULLER USE OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS;
- RAISING QUALITY OF PRODUCTION;
- ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL CONSERVATION;
- MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES IN PRODUCTION.

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